

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, September 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 125.

I. Information having been received of repeated misconstructions and violations of paragraph XII, General Orders, No. 82, 1862, it is reiterated that no persons liable to conscription will be permitted under any circumstances to volunteer in regiments, battalions or companies organized since the 16th of April 1862, except such as were organized under the provisions of the act of Congress of that date, entitled "an act further to provide for the public defence."

II. No authority exists for organizing new companies out of companies or portions of companies now in service.

III. It shall be the duty of commandants of conscripts, on information of persons being received into companies contrary to the provisions of this order, to make immediate requisition for such persons on the officer commanding, and on failure of the officer to return the persons so received to the camp of instruction, the commandant shall report the matter, with the facts of the case, to the Bureau of Conscription, to be decided by this department.

IV. No officer commanding, whose company reaches the maximum allowed by regulations, shall be permitted to receive recruits, either as volunteers or in any other form.

V. No officer commanding shall accept, or muster in persons of conscript age, unless such person shall first exhibit a certificate approved by an enrolling officer, stating that he has volunteered and selected his company, which company is allowed to receive recruits.

VI. The Bureau of Conscription is charged with the establishment of such regulations as will enforce this order.

VII. Paragraph I, General Orders, No. 122, September 11, 1863, is so modified as to read as follows:

Commanding officers of regiments, battalions, &c. will immediately on receipt hereof cause to be made out and forwarded through proper channels to Colonel J. S. Preston, Chief of the Bureau of Conscription, a com-

plete list of all persons *received* as substitutes in the army in their respective commands. This list will embrace the regiment, company, date of enlistment and age of each substitute, with the name, post office, and *date of enlistment* of the principal. *It will also state whether the substitute is now serving, or has died or been killed while in, or discharged from service, or whether he has deserted, with the date and circumstances of such death, discharge or desertion.* They will also, in the same manner, furnish a monthly roll of all deserters and absentees without leave. This roll will be arranged according to the county and congressional district to which the parties belong, and will set forth the time and place of desertion in each case.

By order.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.